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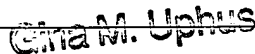
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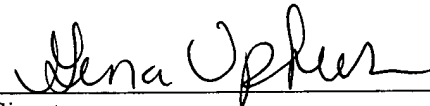
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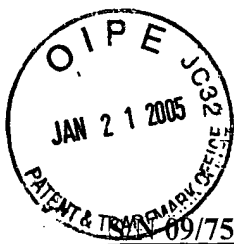


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This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on November 18, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.